

Frederick County Commission For Women

Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street

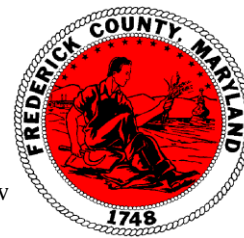
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Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 13 2012

7:00pm

Winchester Hall, 3rd Floor

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Commissioners Present: Sharon Dobson, Valerie Dougherty, Diana Halleman, Tish Honse, Christine Ferguson, , Olga Hernandez-Smith, Linda Roth, Shellome Walters, Jennifer Charlton-Shuldes and Susan Mender.

Absent Commissioners: Jill Paleos, Cher Woehl, Natalie Abbas, Hebba Hassanein

Guests: Terry Smith (Volunteer), Debbie Coffin (Volunteer), Linda Howard and Valerie Waddle of Habitat for Humanity, Connie Harris (Intern)

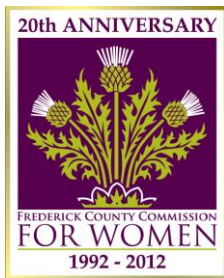
1. President's Report, Minutes, and Announcements President's Report and Announcements

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- b. **October 9, 2012 Meeting Minutes** Linda Roth moved and Diana Halleman seconded approval of October 9 minutes. Motion passed.
- c. **Calendar of Events** – Commissioner Dobson asked that if there are any changes/additions/deletions to the calendar to please let her know.
- d. **Announcements:**
 - Commissioner Dobson announced that the Board of County Commissioners asked us to incorporate the county logo on our letterhead. Commissioner Dobson made the change which was approved by Pat Rosensteel.
 - Commissioner Halleman talked about the Asian-American Health Fair which is scheduled for Saturday, November 17 at the Church of the Brethren in Frederick.
 - Commissioner Dobson introduced Valerie Waddle who gave a presentation on Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Waddle talked about a special project for the women of Frederick County – a Women Build Project. There is a need for help in establishing a coalition of a group of women to help with a house on Park Avenue in Brunswick. Anyone who is interested should contact Ms. Waddle.

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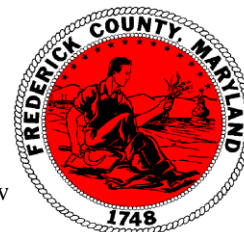
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Financial Report – Commissioner Dougherty reported that we had received \$10,000 for the golf tournament. 50% will be held in the Commission for Women account. The other 50% will go to Heartly House, Mission of Mercy, and Community Action Agency as was originally approved by the CFW.

Committee Reports/Special Projects – Reports were delivered by the following Committees: Legislative, Recruitment, Marketing, Outreach, and 2012 Maryland Women's Conference.

- **Legislative** – Commissioners Hassanein and Honse reported that the legislative luncheon held at Jekyll and Hyde restaurant was successful. It was well attended. Candidates for Senate, House, and Board of Education answered questions on issues affecting women and children. Commissioner Dobson thanked Commissioner Charlton-Shuldes for moderating the forum.
- **Recruitment/Volunteer** – Commissioner Dobson introduced Connie Harris, a new intern who will officially start in January. Commissioner Mender reported that we have three new volunteers who were at the conference. We have one application for a new Commissioner.
- **Marketing** - No report.
- **2012 Maryland Women's conference** – Commissioner Dobson thanked everyone for their help in making the event a success. Evaluations were positive. Commissioner Dobson agreed to chair the committee again in 2013. The event made \$3600. The funds will be used as seed money for next year's conference. We will look at a different venue and consider having the event on a Saturday. We also will try to find a well-known keynote speaker. Next year is the 5 year anniversary of the conference.
- **Outreach** – Committee met on October 8 and discussed the Naturalization ceremony, voter registration drive, and made a commitment to attend monthly meetings of the Human Relations Committee in 2013.

2. **Old Business –Action Plan** for 2013 was reviewed by all Commissioners. A motion to adopt the 2013 Action Plan as written was made by Commissioner Mender and seconded by Commissioner Walters. The motion passed unanimously. **By-laws** revision was sent to all Commissioners for review for a vote at the next public meeting.

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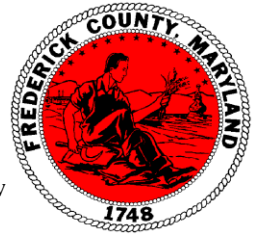
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3. New Business – Food Drive. Commissioner Dobson suggested that each time we have an event, we incorporate a food drive. There was a discussion on logistics. Commissioner Dobson will contact BOCC President, Blaine Young to suggest that we keep a container at Winchester Hall and that all public meetings include a food drive. Commissioner Charlton-Shuldes reported that Mission of Mercy is sponsoring a coat drive and asked all to bring a coat to Frederick Church of the Brethren by December 3. Additionally, a toy drive is being sponsored by BB&T. Commissioner Charlton-Shuldes suggested that we purchase a large posterboard to use as a “check” when we award funds to organizations. Commissioner Halleman reminded everyone of the Festival of Lights on November 30.

4. Adjournment and Meeting Announcement – A motion was made by Commissioner Roth and seconded by Commissioner Halleman to close the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:14. The next public meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2012.

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